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Dear Dr. Hockett:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Dr. Harry Heimann, Chief of the Operational Research Section, Air Pollution Medical Program of the U. S. Public Health Service. That organization has been interested in our cooperation in their programs. These were to be organized in such a way that our studies were to be closely coordinated with those of Dr. W. C. Hueper, Chief of the Environmental Cancer Section of the National Cancer Institute.

I am enclosing a copy of our application to the Public Health Service for the project suggested. Because of some administrative problems this project can not be supported until next spring at the earliest by the Public Health Service. Since the Air Pollution Program would like to see us take up our part of the work immediately it was suggested that your organization might be interested in support of this program until the Public Health Service can take over. The copy of our application should explain to you the matter of the proposed study. If this falls within your realm of interest and there is a possibility of such support I would be happy to supply you with whatever additional information you might require.

It might be of some interest to know that we have progressed considerably beyond the work described and have tested several complex mixtures including some from tobacco extracts. The method described has been shown to be capable of revealing minute amounts of carcinogens (polycyclic hydrocarbons) even in the presence of a large amount of inert carrier.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Very sincerely,

/s/ B. A. Rubin
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